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OLD-FASHIONED JOYS

Give me the old-fashioned picnic again-gave me the kind that our Sunday school had;

Give me my years, which were nine then or ten; give me that old crowd of good boys and bad; Give me the tablecloth, ample and white, spread on the ant hill, while ants

o'er the ham Traveled in caravans, romped with delight, stuck in the butter and mired

Give me the tin pail of weak lemonade, where the stray dog surreptitiously Wagging his tail in the thirst-quenching shade, smacking with pleasure his

lean jaws and lank; Give me the teacher-the shy, blushing lass, garbed in the white dress, so

Who sat in the berry ple, hid in the grass, backed from our presence and beat her retreat.

Give me that time of our heart-swelling lives; give me the rambles through bushes and trees; Some got the ivy and some had the hives; some found stray hornets and

some started bees; Give me the rashes and swellings that rose over expanses of red, smarting

Give me the itching of fingers and toes that burned like the mischief and smarted like sin;

Give me the crabs that delighted to get gripped to our toes as we forded Give me the poultices, mushy and wet, in which we lay for the following

Give me the aches and the colics so hard from the wild berries we ate, and half green; Give me the ipecac, jalap, and lard-mightier mixture there never was seen.

Give me the youngster who went in to swim, sank in the brook and was President J. F. Smith said:

Yanked from the turgid depths-lucky for him-blubbering lustily, back to

fresh air Give me the lad with the fishing hook barb fast in his thumb, and his ear-

splitting yell;
Give me the miss in the holiday garb, who slipped from the bank with a suthority to have this ceremony per-Give me the teacher who kept a bright eye fixed on us all, till a wasp,

Buzzed on its way, with its stinger so spry, and put her vision in total have been doing all we can to trace Give me the minister, long frocked and tall, who faced the red bull at the

old pasture gate,
And found himself flung o'er the ivy-grown wall, murmuring words that but when we do find them we will deal I shudder to state.

who fell out of the swing and plowed up the turf with hi Give us the boy chin and his nose;

Give us the youngster who fell in the spring and hid in the bush till we United States to amend the Constitudried out his clothes; Give us the prim and bright-ribboned old maid, across whom the boy with Reached for the dish with the peach marmalade, then let it slip and drop marriage, so far as I am concerned, I

plump in her lap; Give me the crowd of us, poisoned and stung, bruised, cut, disfigured, and amendment. Neither has any scarred, swollen, and wet Starting for home when the twilight bells rung, holdly proclaiming the

Give us the old lumber wagons that rolled, rumbled, and squeaked with the whole subject of marriage in the their two score and ten

Of youngsters, bough-laden, dirt-grimed and glad-souled-give us the oldfashioned pienic again.

-J. W. FOLEY.

WARM DEFENSE OF MORMONISM BY A METHODIST MINISTER

there had been 1100 civil marriages Mr. Fisher says: among their people. The Salt Lake "To understand Mormonism one Utah laws." Mr. Fisher shys that not Tribune added a little salt to the must remember clearly three things: only were the charges false, but that statement by throwing it into this First, that it is a deeply religious body they seem positively absurd to any

censed in this church."

The Rev. Frederick Vining Fisher, dent Smith was held up to universal The young men of the Mormon pastor of the First Methodist Episco- obloquy on the ground that he had de Church are clean young men, clearpal Church of Ogden, Utab, one of the nied that polygamy was practiced and eyed, brainy and manly. The records leading Gentile churches of the state, in the same breath had admissed that of the half-million-dollar Descret gymhas made a statement in defense of it was in use. Just at the time anti- nasium of the Mormon Church in Salt the Mormons, among whom he lives Mormon riots were breaking out in Lake show that of the hundreds of and labors, which will surprise a great England, while in this country the many persons whose knowledge of "muck-raking magazines," says Mr. Mormons is vague. Mr. Fisher, who Fisher, were printing disregulably clean diseases—a record unparalleled sends his statement to the Outlook false stories about the Mormons by in most American cities. Magazine, says that at the recent 81st the ready-writers whose knowledge of annual conference of the Mormon the subject was either gained at long Church, President Smith declared that tange or after such investigation as the temples with religious ceremonies, day excurson ticket on the railroad. President Smith: "Charges absolutely besides the marriages celebrated in could be made by the holder of a two-

"Eleven hundred marriages were the test of the Federal Council of knowledge of the Mormon people as contracted last year not in accordance Churches be a true test. Born in an they now are. Whatever of deception

with the law of God. As announced age of religious bigotry and crude the there may have been in the old and twice and again, plural marriages have closy and exiled across a wilderness, hostile days there is now, he says, no it has kept these relics longer than excuse for bitterness based on misin-The Los Angeles Examiner saw & some of the rest of us, but, despite formation; and it is a downright chance to make a sensation and is these facts, which linger longer in its periminal act to charge the stalwart turned the statement into a books and out-of-way towns than in Christian men of Utah of being a race "screamer," of which the headline was real life, it is today a church of half of deceivers." "No man who works as follows: "Eleven Hundred Polyga : million praying, Bible-reading, law-side by side with them," he adds, "for mous Marriages in a Year." The oblding, thrifty, God fearing men and clean cities, for the right training of garbled and false version of the state women. America has no more strong, youth and for temperance, could posment spread like wildfire, and Press senuine, devoted Christians than some wibly believe the standers." As to big

leaders of the Mormon Church.

England and the Middle West of the eration, for fair play, for truth tell repealed to his wife concerning this, appropriation, early days. The men and women of ing. He dismisses contemptuously the but she, poor woman, could not help Utah are the proud kinsfolk of the he- notion that they alm at national su- him. His son, who heard his father roes of the Revolution. Her later sons premacy, and says:

forefathers may have been, but they man universities, and some of their cation and music are her pride. She has more than 5000 college and uni-

ence just closed in Salt Lake City, ed by two lean rats, and rear rat was \$30,000 for the buildings, but maximuch

" 'Plural marriages have ceased in the church. There is no man who is authorized to perform a plural marriage. No man or woman has the formed for them. We have been doing all in our power to stop this. We the men who are performing these ceremonies. It is hard to locate them, with them.

" 'With respect to the idea proposed have no objection whatever to such other Latter-Day Saint, Let the states petition the nation to regulate United States and it will be a godseno to the people everywhere."

Goodwin's Weekly of Salt, Lake City, noted opponent of Mormonism, ac knowledges that this statement is just and sincere. That is a fair putting of the whole case, despite some current articles to the contrary. It is a dead issue in Utab. More than that, polygamy to most of the Mormon peole, practiced as religious duty, was not sensual and was infinitely better than tandem polygamy in the East, young mon examined there, there is yet to be found one tainted with un-

The statements circulated in England which caused the riotous acts elleited the following cablegram from den by Mormon Church as well as by -an evangelical Protestant church, if one who lives in Utah and has any

of the First Presidency, apostles and otry, it exists no doubt "wherever bilind. The dreamer was greatly per- as the boys of the institution will do

and daughters are from the same sturdy Scotch, English and Teutonic stock
which has made America. Utah today
is a distinctly American state.

"Third, the Mormon people are not peasants or illiterate. Some of their
"True it is that Mormonism dreams of a world-wide Christianity, bound together in a great restored church; the
old mediaeval dream. Others have
dreamed the same, would the story, volunteered to be the
interpreter. "The fat rat," he said
interpreter. The fat rat," he said
interpreter peasants or illiterate. Some of their them, nor is it for Mormons. They That boy was a modern Joseph in will all come some day to see, as we the interpretation of dreams.-Ex. are not. Their leaders are graduates see, that the bond of the future Chrisof Harvard, Cornell, Michigan or Ger tianlty will not be a church, but the COMPLETED PLANS FOR Christ; not a visible temple, but an young men lead the world today in invisible brotherhood. Until then we

mons have been polygamy, deception, eyeam which he had during the night, a portable rock crusher, and us soon bigotry, and the seeking of political He dreamed that he saw coming to- as this is available active work will be ward him. In order, four rats. The started on the new structures.

"Polygamy is dead. At the confer- first one was very fat, and was follow- The last Legislature appropriated ence just closed in Salt Lake City, ed by two lean rats, and rear rat was \$20,000 for the buildings, but inasmuch to the saw of th

tell the story, volunteered to be the

scholarship. Utah has a strong pub- can afford to wait and be brothers in Luiidings of the Boys' faudustrial can afford to wait and be brothers in tundings of the roops fluidostral the common work for God and man.

School at Waialee, were turned over by the Department of Public Works, this morning to Superintendent Pope, of the School Department. The county and may have been polygamy, deception, dream which he had during the night.

there is isolation," but even it is no plexed as to what evil might follow, a considerable part of the work them-"Second, the Mormon Church was worse than the bigotry of "all our as it had been understood that to selves, it is expected to get buildings orn of some of the best blood of New ancestors." Mr. Fisher pleads for tol. dream of rats denoted calamity. He worth about twice the amount of the

THE NEWEST HORROR.

the interpretation of dreams.—Ex.

A fluffy mass trailing the floor is a graceful and charming display; And even the sheath gowns they work were pretty enough in their day. A question of eith white plane With my botton of order agrees. But no words easy my horror convey tuildings of the Boys' insulustrial

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